AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have recently been received from flour millers in Andhra Pradesh regarding inadequate supply of wheat resulting in the rise in prices of wheat products like rawa, maida and atta; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to ensure adequate supplies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To augment the supply, F.C.I. has been selling wheat through open auctions at Hyderabad.

Production of Solvent Extracted Cotton-seed Oil

3227. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of solvent extracted cotton-seed oil being used by vanaspati industry for availing of vanaspati excise duty rebate as per 1987-88 budget proposals;

(b) whether the budget proposals had encouraged production of solvent extracted cotton-seed oil; and

(c) if not, what measures are being contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) An estimated quantity of 6,900 M.T. of solvent extracted cotton-seed oil would be used by vanaspati industry during 1987-88.

(b) and (c) The budget proposals for 1987-88 had provided an excise rebate of Rs. 3,250 per M.T. for usage of solvent extracted cottonseed oil in the manufacture of vanaspati. This has now been raised of Rs. 4,000 from 1st March, 1988.

Government has also allowed 10 per cent cash compensatory support on export of cottonseed extraction.

Export of Cotton Seed Extractions

3228. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the export of cotton seed extractions during the last three years; whether there is any decline in export and if so, the measures Government propose to take in this regard;

(b) the installed capacity of scientific cottonseed processing in the country and its present utilisation; whether the present utilisation is at an economical level and if not, what are the efforts being made by Government to improve upon the efficiency;

(c) the total potential for extracting cottonseed oil and actual extraction in the country; whether full potential is not exploited, and if so. what are the efforts especially in the context of large-scale import of edible oils; and

(d) the total investment and employment in the above industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The exports of Cotton seed extractions since 1984-85 have been of the following order:—

Year	Quantity tonnes
1984-85	62,881
1985-86	35,908
1986-87	53,083
1987-88 (April to Feb., 1988)	19,300

Cash compensatory Support is allowed on exports of Solvent extracted oil meals including Cottonseed extraction.

(b) and (c) On the basis of the information available from the concerned Association, the installed capacity for decorticated cottonseed crushing and extraction is about 25 lakh tonnes. It appears that the present utilisation of the available capacity is quite negligible as only a small proportion of the cottonseed was subjected, to Solvent extraction after delinting and decortication. The cottonseed production/availability has been about 23.85 and 22.00 (estimated) lakh tonnes during 1986-87 and 1987-88 respectively. The potential of Cotton seed oil is about 3.5 lakh tonnes but the production of cotton seed oil was about 2.5 lakh tonnes only.

In order to provide support to the modern crushing of cottonseed and, thereby, improve upon efficiency, a number of incentives are provided including excise duty rebate on the use of solvent extracted cottonseed oil used in the manufacture of Vanaspati, and cash compensatory support on export of extractions.

(d) According to the concerned Association, the capital invested is about Rs. 160 crores and the employment potential is 20,000 workers.

Reintroduction of Token System for Distribution of DMS Milk

3229. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the token system for the distribution of milk in the booths under the Delhi Milk Scheme was discontinued; and

(b) whether Government propose to revive the said system in view of acute mal-distribution of milk under the present system of distribution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The token system was discontinued in 1978. The system was, however, reintroduced in a few areas in 1983 but was discontinued in 1985. As the present system is working satisfactorily, there is no proposal to revive the token system.

Setting up of Institute of Rock and Ground Control

3230. SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided to set up a national level Institute of Rock and Ground Control in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the total amount sanctioned by Government for the establishment of this institute and by when it is likely to commence its operations.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Institute of Rock Mechanics and Ground Control will be established at Kolar Gold Fields of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd. It will utilise and further develop the infrastructure and expertise in the field of Rock Mechanics and Ground Control already available with the Research and Development Wing of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd., so that these could be used to advantage by other mining enterprises in the country.

(c) Rs. 2 crores have been sanctioned by the Government for establishment of this Institute envisaged during a period of three years. However, with the infrastructure already available, the Institute is likely to commence functioning in a modest way earlier.